as brought out in Economic and Political Weekly of the 20th June, 1987, Illustrated Weekly of 19th July, 1987, MID-DAY of 3rd August, 1987 and EEC World Bank Mission Report of March, 1987;

(b) whether milk shortage has been deliberately created to force Government for imports of commercial milk products; and

(c) whether in view of the total breakdown of Dairy Development Projects Government would close down NDDB-IDC and transfer the work back to Agriculture Ministry and the States as Dairying is a State subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) There is no break down of dairy development projects and as such the question of either closing down of NDDB/IDC or transfer of work from it to the Agriculture Ministry, does not arise.

Import of pulses etc. from the countries exposed to Radiation

3230. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has been importing cowpea and other pulses from Turkey and other countries exposed to Chernobyl radiation; and

(b) whether all the shipments of pulses and any other farm products including milk and milk products were tested independently by BARC and if so, the results thereof batch-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Some pulses have been imported from Turkey which was reported to have been exposed to Chernobyl radiation.

(b) Some consignments of farm products were received after the Chernobyl accident and samples were tested and were found to be below the permissible/acceptable levels of radioactivity.

Development Scheme for SC/ST in Uttar Pradesh

3231. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of families benefited through various developmental schemes for Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) what is the year-wise amount spent on these Schemes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The number of Scheduled Caste families economically assisted during the last three years is as follows:—

Year	No. of Familes
1984-85	4,79,635
1985-86	3,79,639
1986-87	3,80,769

(b) Amount spent by Govt. of Uttar Pradesh on various schemes under the Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes during the last three years is as follows:—

Year	Expenditure
	(Rs. in crores)
1984-85	162.99
1985-86	175.82
1986-87	196.10
	(Provisional)

idition, the following amount ecial Central Assistance for al Component Plan was spent ing the lost three years:—

Year	Amount
	(Rs. in crores)
1984-85	28.52
1985-86	33.90
1986-87	37.20
	(Provisional

Concessions to the Physically Handicapped persons

3232. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what concessions are being given to the physically handicapped persons while travelling by railways and buses of the Delhi Transport Corporation; and

(b) whether there is any scheme to help financially the physically handicapped to purchase self-driven cycles and if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) A statement indicating the concessions given by the Railways is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below) Delhi Transport Corporation allowed free travel to blind, deaf and dumb and orthopaedically handicapped persons in local journeys.

(b) Under the scheme of Assistance to disabled persons purchase/fitting of aids appliances, tri-cycles are given to eligible orthopaedically handicapped persons. The maximum quantum of assistance under this scheme is Rs. 3000|-. Full cost of tri-cycles subject to maximum of Rs. 3,000|- is met in case of those whose income is upto Rs. 1200 per month and 50% cost to those whose income is between Rs. 1201 to Rs. 2500|- per month.

Statement

Rail vay Concession for the Handicapped in Rail Journeys

Category	Element of concession admissible Single journey tickets	Monthly Season tickets
1. Blind persons travelling alone or with an escort.	75% for the blind & his escort separately.	50% for the blind & his escort separately.
*2. Those Orthopaedically Handicapped paraplegic persons (who cannot travel without an escort accompanied by an escort.	75% for both.	5 % for both.
*3. Mentally Retarded persons (who cannot travel without an escort accompanied by an escort.	75% for both.	50% for both.
4. Totally deaf & dumb persons (both afflictions together in the same person).	50% (no concession for escort.	50%

*Concession is not admissible to those Orthopaedically Handicapped persons and Mentally Retarded persons who can travel alone or want to purchase only one ticket.

सूखे की स्थिति से निपटने के लिए उपाय

3233. श्री जगदीश प्रसाद यादव : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस वर्ष कितने राज्य सूखे से प्रभावित हुए हैं और उन राज्यों के नाम क्या हैं जिनमें मानसून के देर से आने के कारण कृषि में हानि हुई है ; क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई आकलन किये हैं और क्या इस स्थिति का सामना